

## **FISH and WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

**Meeting Date:** June 9, 2016

**Agenda Item:** 2016 Mountain Lion Quotas

**Division:** Wildlife

**Action Needed:** Final

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 10 Min

### **Background**

Hunting districts listed below have proposed changes from 2015 mountain lion quotas and subquotas. Additional documents with the justification for each proposal are in the April Commission packets. All other quotas/subquotas not listed are proposed to be unchanged from 2015 levels. Quotas apply to "any legal lion" unless otherwise noted. Quota changes in HDs 350/370 are to increase opportunity, those in HD 380 are to address low mule deer numbers, and those in HDs 390/391 and 392 are needed because of recent boundary changes.

<b>Region 3</b>				
<b>Proposed Adjustments – 2016 Mountain Lion Quotas</b>				
<b>Hunting District</b>	<b>Current Quotas</b>		<b>Proposed Quotas</b>	
	<b>Total Quota</b>	<b>Female Subquota</b>	<b>Total Quota</b>	<b>Female Subquota</b>
350/370	3	1	4	1
380	6	2	10	4
390/391	8	4	10	5
392	5	2	3	1

### **Public Involvement Process & Results**

Proposals have been vetted at regional sportsmen's and houndsmen's meetings and with individuals as mentioned in the individual justifications. Overall, there is general agreement and/or comfort with the proposals although some individuals are opposed. We received 6 comments: 1 wanted a lot more licenses in HDs 391 and 392, 1 wanted more lion harvest in the Anaconda area, 3 liked the hybrid season in Region 2, and 1 opposed the increase in HD 380.

### **Alternatives and Analysis**

Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, or no change from 2015 as per staff justifications, public comment and Commission discussion.

### **Agency Recommendation & Rationale**

FWP recommends approval of proposed quota adjustments with no changes in other hunting districts. Rationale includes mountain lion population management accommodating human tolerance, safety, prey populations and hunter opportunity.

### **Proposed Motion**

I move to approve the proposed 2016 lion quotas/subquotas as presented by FWP.